

# **Little Compton School Committee Minutes**

**February 13, 2007**

**Present: J. Quinn, C. Cady, P. Desilets, D. Gomez, M. Harrington, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, Mrs. Blaess-Principal**

**I. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School library.**

**II. Executive Session – None Planned.**

**III. Minutes –Motion to approve the minutes of January 9, 2007 was made by C. Cady, seconded by D. Gomez. Approved 5-0. Motion to approve the Budget session meeting of January 23, 2007 was made by C. Cady, seconded by P. Desilets 5-0 Approved. January 30, 2007 was made by C. Cady, seconded by M. Harrington. Need to change the word from abstain to recuse. Discussion was held about by D. Gomez 5-0 approved with change.**

**IV. Bills and Payroll - presented by G. Augustus motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$69,924.64 was made by M. Harrington, seconded by C. Cady 5-0 approved.**

**V. Spotlight on Excellence: Highlights of the Inquiry Based Science was presented by Mrs. Blaess. Sam James an 8th grade student presented a PowerPoint on chemical digestion. Ron DeFronzo, from the Eastbay Collaborative discussed the science textbook used in our middle school. Mr. DeFronzo discussed research that supports a**

**“Hands-On” learning approach to science.**

**VI. Personnel Matters: A motion to accept the resignations of Christine DeCosta and Suzanne Mills-Shaw was made by P. Desilets and seconded by C. Cady. Approved with regret 5-0.**

**VII. Public Input: Public input was held.**

**VIII. Action Items –**

**a. Vote to approve preliminary budget. A motion to approve the preliminary budget was made by M. Harrington, seconded by D. Gomez.**

**Approved 5-0.**

**b. Vote to approve Student Attendance Policy. A motion to approve the student attendance policy was made by C. Cady, seconded by P. Desilets. Approved 3-2.**

**c. Vote to approve revised meeting schedule. A motion to approve the revised meeting schedule C. Cady, seconded by D. Gomez.**

**Approved 5-0.**

**d. Vote to approve Energy Audit recommendations. A motion to award the bid in the amount of \$15,366.86 to Rise Engineering to replace and install all energy saving material was made by P. Desilets, seconded by M. Harrington. Approved 5-0.**

**e. Appointment of Facilities Study Committee. The appointment of**

**Heather Fitzgerald and Thomas Alder (parents) and Russell Racette and Ana Barend (without students at WMS). D. Gomez and P. Desilets are to be made co-chairs of facilities study committee. A motion to approve appointments was made by C. Cady, seconded P. Desilets. Approved 5-0.**

#### **IX. Discussion Items –**

- a. NECAP results were presented by Superintendent and Mrs. Blaess.**
- b. NCLB School Report Cards presented by Mrs. Blaess.**
- c. School Committee retreat presented by Superintendent. The retreat is scheduled for March 31, 2007, at the Stonehouse.**
- d. Middletown facilities improvement program presented by Mr. Gomez.**
- e. Creative Writing Program presented by Mrs. Blaess. Would like to provide an after school workshop on creative writing. Motion to move this discussion item to an action item was made by C. Cady, seconded by P. Desilets. Approved 5-0. Motion to approve after school workshop on creative writing program was made by C. Cady, seconded by P. Desilets. Approved 5-0.**

**X. Public Comment: Congratulations from Roger Lord on the committee's and administration's achievements pertaining to budget management and strides made in education in WMS. Questions pertaining to next year's budget were discussed and how the increased class size of the 9th grade will affect the budget.**

**Questions pertaining to the energy savings, lighting etc. Additional questions pertaining to the time the standardize testing are given were discussed.**

**XI. Correspondence: Correspondences were presented in the agenda packets.**

**XII. Information: Information was presented in the agenda packets.**

**XIII. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by P. Desilets, seconded by C. Cady 5-0 approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl Sylvia**

**Fiscal Clerk**